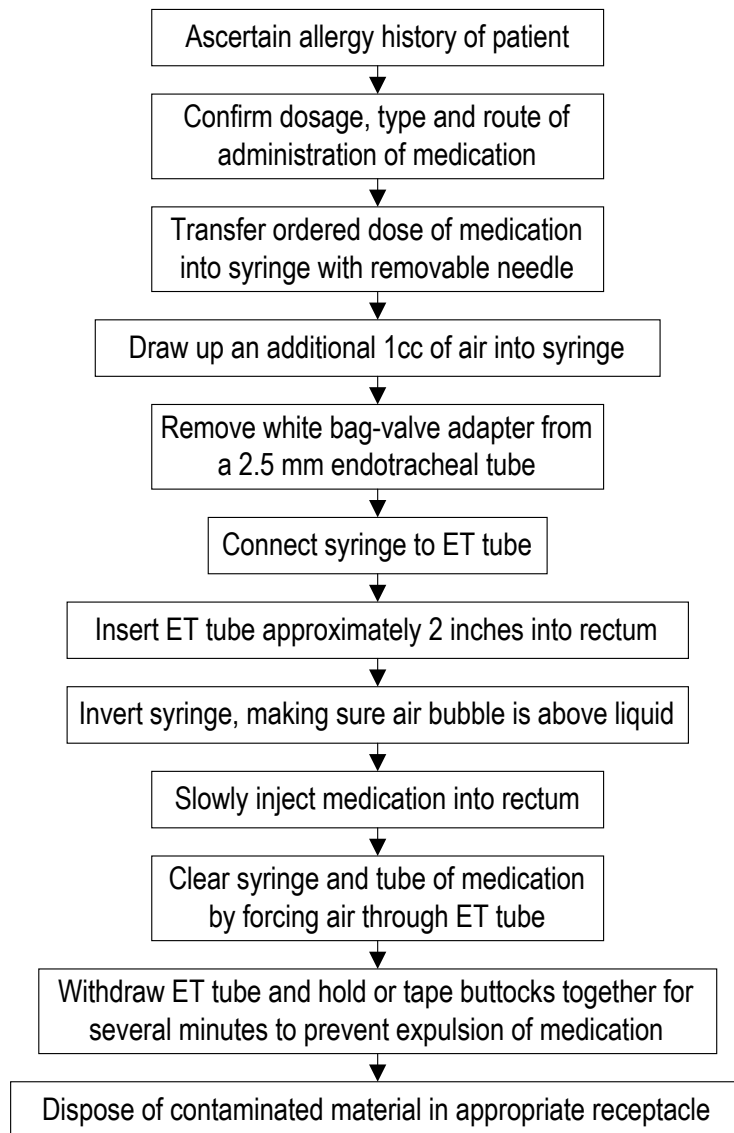


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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS
PRACTICAL SKILL
RECTAL ADMINISTRATION
OF MEDICATION**

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Purpose: To provide a route of administration of selected medications in patients with no IV access		Indications: Actively seizing patient with no IV access	
Advantages: Delivers medications when no IV access is available Effects sustained over a period of time	Disadvantages: Uncertain absorption rate Uncertainty of medication retention	Complications: Trauma to rectal mucosa	Contraindications: Rectal bleeding Diarrhea Any known rectal abnormality



NOTES:

- Medication approved for rectal administration: lorazepam.